GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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LICENCES FOR LEASING NATURAL RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary CelebrationsCommittee recommended for the formulation and implementation of a scheme for leasing of natural resource licences to the scheduled castes/scheduled tribes during 1992;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon in this regard; and

(c) the salient features of schemes adopted/implemented for the purpose and the results achieved thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): Yes, Sir. As informed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Committee, inter-alia, recommendedintroduction of new policy to lease/ licence natural resources like stone quarries, clay quarries and animal carcasses, etc. which are within the State control to actual workers and their co-operatives/ associations and the provision of economic support for them.

(b & c): State and Union Territory Govts. have been requested by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to consider introducing the policy in their respective States and Union Territories.

So far as Coal and Lignite resources are concerned, as per the provisions of Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973, coal mining is exclusively reserved for the public sector. Captive mining is permissible in respect of public and private companies engaged in production of Iron and Steel, Power and other end uses to be notified by Government from time to time.